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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the Difference of our preſent Addreſſes, and the Tendency of thoſe of the High fliers, with the Folly and Madneſs of 'em. On the Letter from the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland *to the Queen, and the Importance of it. The Vanity of the Faction's Hopes from a New Invaſion there. The Interſt of our Allies concern'd in the Rebellious and Seditious dreſſes of the Faction.*

From Saturday, May 13, to Wedneſday, May 17. 1710.

Countrym. I Am glad to find, Maſter, that the High-flying Faction, how inſolent and noiſie ſoever they appear, don't paſs without Rebukes; and that the Wiſer and Better Part of the Nation follows them cloſe at the Heels with Addreſſes and Proteſtations, *&c.* to diſcover the Fallacies and Indirect Methods by which they procure their Tory Addreſſes, or rather Declarations for the Pretender, with which they make ſuch a Pother. Thus as ſoon as the Pretended Addreſs from *Glocesterſhire* (which led the Van) appear'd, we had an Account by what undue Methods, and by Perſons of what Character it was procur'd, which was as little for the Honour of the Party as their late Rebellious Tumults, wherein Papiſts, Nonjurants, and ſuch as have taken the Oaths on Purpoſe to have a better Opportunity for undermining the Government, were the Ringleaders and Principal Actors, but a Countermine was effectually ſprung by the Noble Addreſs from the City of *Glocester*: No ſooner was an Inſolent Addreſs, reflecting upon the Proceedings of Parliament offer'd in the City of *London*, and countenanc'd by thoſe who were known to have had no ſmall Influence in the late Diſorders that have happen'd among us, but it was blown up by a Loyal and True *Engliſh* Addreſs from the Honourable Lieutenancy of the City, ſeconded by Excellent Addreſſes from the Juſtices, Grand Jury, and others of the County of *Middleſex*, and from the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, which were ſufficient to ſhew that the Centre of the Nation, and the Seat of the Government, was far from being poiſoned by ſuch Principles as tend to ſubvert our Happy Conſtitution, Her Majeſty's Title, and the *Hannover* Succeſſion. The Quality and Influence of the Honeſt Addreſſers, and of ſuch as oppos'd the Tory Ones, appear'd to be ſuch as look'd the Turbulent and Seditious Faction out of Countenance, and made them appear in their Proper Colours, as the Rays of the Sun through a Dark Cloud ſerve to make the Horror of Darkneſs and Tempeſts the more Conſpicuous.

Obſ. Your Obſervations are very juſt, *Roger*; for when contrary Colours are compared together they appear more diſcernable to the Eye: The Principles of True Liberty, Chriſtianity, Love, and Sincerity, have ſuch a Charm and Beauty, that whenever they appear they make the Principles of Slavery, Bigotry, Uncharitableneſs, Perſecution, and Hypocriſie, look with a very Horrid and Deformed Aſpect.

Countrym. There's nothing more plain, Maſter: The Proceedings of our Two Houſes of Parliament, their Addreſſes and Reſolves, with Her Majeſty's Proclamations and Speeches from the Throne, and the Honeſt Addreſſes that have already appear'd from the ſeveral Parts of the Nation, are too Bright, and ſhine with too much Luſtre, to be eclipſed by the Tempeſts of High-flying Rebellion, Sedition, Slavery, and Nonſenſe, that have been rais'd by Popiſh and *French* Inchantments to overſpread our Horizon; for beſides the truly Loyal Addreſſes already mention'd, thoſe from the City of *Worceſter*, from the Counties of *Berks* and *Southampton*, from the City of *Coventry*, from the County of *Northampton*, the Burrough of *Wellingford*, the Proteſtation from the City of *Canterbury*, the Letter from *Salop* to the Earl of *Bradford*, with the Earl of *Sunderland*'s Anſwer, and the Addreſs from the County of *Wilts*, beſides what others we have Reaſon to expect, ſhew that the Sky begins to clear apace; from whence we have ſufficient Ground to hope that the Sun of Righteouſneſs will not abandon us to Popery and Slavery, but is about to return with Healing under his Wings, to reſcue that Religion and Liberty which are the Gifts of Heaven, as he has always done when the Wicked Faction attempted to deprive us of 'em.

Obſ. 'Tis no New Thing, *Roger*, for the Children of this World to be wiſer and more diligent than the Children of Light. They have got the Start, but have not yet won the Prize: The Diſaffected Clergy, the Nonjurants, Papiſts, and Men of Arbitrary Principles, through the Nation, have been influenc'd by the Circular Letters of the Leaders of the Faction to compaſs Sea and Land to make Proſelytes, like their Brethren, the Phariſees of Old, but with the ſame Ill Fate they have made them Sevenfold more the Children of Hell than themſelves. Their Fury is ſo great that they cann't diſſemble their Deſigns of Popery and Slavery, but fly in the Face of Her Majeſty, the Parliament, and Standing Laws, by which every one ſees what they aim at. Beſides, *Roger*, I can tell you that the Letter from the General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland* to the Queen, in anſwer to Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter to them, is of more Importance than all the Tory Addreſſes put together, becauſe it is the Senſe of a Full and Legal Repreſentative of the Clergy and Laity of *North-Britain*, with Her Majeſty's High Commiſſioner to repreſent Her Royal Perſon at their Head. 'Tis not from a Patch'd Body of Men, but from the Repreſentatives of the Clergy and Laity of the whole *Scottiſh* Nation, freely and legally choſen. So that it may very well be called an Eccleſiaſtical Parliament, wherein all the Nobility, Gentry, Burroughs, Univerſities, Miniſters, and Pariſhes of *Scotland*, are fully and fairly repreſented in their Eccleſiaſtical Capacity, as a National Church; and there are too many Proofs of their Zeal and Stedfaſtneſs to their Principles, for which they have both ſuffer'd and acted, to doubt of their Sincerity and Readineſs

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to make good their Promiſes to ſtand by Her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion, againſt all Popiſh Pretenders. The Juſt Abhorrence which that Auguſt Aſſembly has expreſs'd *againſt all Principles that ſtain the Glory of Reformed Chriſtianity, and have a Tendency to ſhake the Excellent and Solid Foundation, upon which Her Majeſty's Juſt Title to the Supream Government of Her Dominions, and the Security of Her Throne in a Proteſtant Succeſſion againſt all Popiſh Pretenders, are happily eſtabliſh'd*, is of no ſmall Importance for the Security of *Great Britain*; for we muſt conſider that it comes from Noblemen, Gentlemen, and the Body of the People, that are able and ready to ſecond their own Prayers and Tears, as well as thoſe of their Clergy, with their Swords againſt the Pretender and his Faction, if ever he make the Second Attempt, of which his Party is in ſuch Mighty Expectation.

Countrym. I hope, Maſter, the *Scots* are better provided to give him a Warm Reception than they were laſt Time; and that their Caſtles, Garriſons, and Publick Arms, are in a Better Condition.

Obſ. I hope ſo too, *Roger*; and that their paſt Danger has made them more cautious, and lay up better Proviſion. Beſides, we have no Reaſon to doubt that the Eſtabliſh'd Church there is made ſo ſenſible of their own Danger, and of what they are to expect by the Treatment they have met with from their own Jacobite Party in Times paſt and preſent, and by the Treatment which the Revolution Party in *England* have met with by the late Tumults and Rebellions, and do ſtill meet with by the preſent Addreſſes of the Faction, that they will ſtand like one Man againſt the Pretender, ſince their Liberties, Lives, and Religion, are all at Stake: Nor are we to doubt that they will want Leaders, when they have ſo many Brave Officers of their own Nation, beſides what Aſſiſtance they are to expect from our Standing Forces: So that I look upon the Jacobite Hopes from an Invaſion upon that Country to be very ill founded.

Countrym. I believe ſo too, Maſter; and hope the Faction have out-ſhot themſelves here as well as there; for the Revolution Party in *England*, which includes our Honeſt Churchmen and Diſſenters, are ſufficiently alarm'd as well as they by the late Rebellions, and the preſent Seditious Addreſſes of the Faction. Our Brave Generals and Wiſe Miniſtry have too Plain Indications of the Danger that may ariſe to Her Majeſty's Perſon, Government, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion, as well as to their own Lives and Fortunes, not to take Care of their Preſervation.

Obſ. We have very Good Reaſon to believe, *Roger*, that not only the Eyes of all Good Subjects and Proteſtants in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* are open'd by the Rebellions and Addreſſes of the Faction, but that our Allies abroad, both Proteſtants and Papiſts are not unconcern'd at the Diſorders rais'd among us by a Party that have all along been Enemies to the Common Liberties of *Europe*, and are now viſibly under the Influence of its great Oppreſſor, who prompts their Ringleaders to make thoſe Efforts as the laſt and moſt ſeaſonable Piece of Service they can do to him, and his nurſling the Pretender. Our Proteſtant Allies, the *Dutch*, have not yet forgot how the Faction aim'd at their Deſtruction in the late Reigns, and how barbarouſly they treated them for concurring in the late Revolution; they cannot but ſee how the Party damns them every Day in their Addreſſes as Republican Traitors, Seditious Rebels, and Curſed Schiſmaticks; the *German* Proteſtants of both Denominations cann't be unſenſible that they are treated in the ſame Manner; and the whole Empire, which is a great Republick, with an Elective Head, cann't but ſee the Reflections that are thrown upon their Conſtitution by our Tory Addreſſers, who do thereby manifeſt an Incurable Averſion to the Common Liberty of Mankind, to model their Form of Government ſo as they may beſt ſuit their Circumſtances, and reach their End. Nay, the Houſe of *Auſtria*, in both its Branches, muſt needs ſee their Intereſt and Safety ſtruck at by the Rebellions and Addreſſes of the Faction, ſince they naturally tend to hinder their Recovery of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, to ſhake their Hereditary and Elective Dominions in the Empire, and to deprive them of the Aſſiſtance of *Great Britain* to ſecure themſelves in all. Upon the Whole, *Roger*, we have reaſon to believe that our Allies muſt needs be concern'd as well as our ſelves to ſee the Queen made ſo Uneaſie by a Turbulent Faction, who aim at nothing leſs than bereaving Her Majeſty of Her Gallant Generals, Her Wiſe and Faithful Miniſters, and Her Loyal Houſe of Commons, in all whom our Allies have expreſs'd ſo much Satisfaction, and plac'd ſo much Confidence.

Countrym. I am of your Opinion, Maſter, and therefore make no doubt but our Allies will be ready for their own Security to ſtand by Her Majeſty, our preſent Conſtitution, and the *Hanover* Succeſſion, on all Occaſions againſt Her Enemies both at Home and Abroad. The *Dutch* are engag'd to it by Treaty as well as by Intereſt, and the Emperor, Empire, the Kings of *Spain* and *Portugal*, and the Duke of *Savoy*, are ſecur'd to us by the latter, becauſe otherwiſe they muſt all be ſwallow'd up as well as we; ſo that upon the Whole, Maſter, I take the Rebellious and the Seditious Addreſſes of the Noiſie Faction to deſerve no more Regard than the Barking of a Dog at the Moon, though I hope the Adminiſtration will take Care of them; for though a Band of Highway-men cann't well endanger the General Peace of a Kingdom, they may do a great deal of Miſchief, and ruin the Lives and Fortunes of Numbers of People, if Magiſtrates neglect their Duty.

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